

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*Amos Rojas, Jr., City Manager
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on September 10, 2024 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Members of the public may participate in person, but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3054466800>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (305) 461-6769 Meeting ID: 3054466800. To speak prior to the City Commission taking action on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9. The public may comment on an item on the agenda using the City's already-established e-comment function which may be found on the City's website at: www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to cityclerk@coralgables.com prior to the start of the meeting. The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website www.coralgables.com/cgtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2024-31) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2024-194 through Resolution No. 2024-203); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

INVOCATION

Pastor, Rich Romero from Generation Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [24-7861](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 17 - 23, 2024 as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables.

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 17 - 23, 2024 as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables. Mayor Lago introduced and recognized former Mayor Dorothy Thomson who has been a member of DAR for the past 55 years thanked the Mayor and City Commission for all they do and the recognition. She also introduced Mary Turso Vice Regent of Coral Gables Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and noted that it is always a pleasure to come and receive the proclamation each year and it is meaningful even though it is repetitive. At the end of the month, they will have a reception and dinner where all the Chapters from Miami-Dade County, state and national governments will congregate and display their proclamations, and she is proud of the Coral Gables proclamation and to be there with all the cities. Ms. Turso thanked the City Commission on behalf of the Coral Gables DAR and noted that the Chapter has been in existence almost as long as the city and they are nearing their 100th birthday as well and thanked them for the many years of providing the proclamation and wish in the future that the Commission would consider joining them at one of their luncheons. The mayor thanked them both and then read the proclamation.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [24-7962](#)

Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables for being named "Best City to Live In" by Miami New Times.

Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables for being named "Best City to Live In" by Miami New Times. Mayor Lago introduced this item and Director Belkys Perez-Economic Development accompanied by Miami New Times Senior Executive Director Kristi Kinard. Director Perez stated that Miami Times has an annual best of series and this year they added a new category - Best City to Live In, and they are excited that the city won the award on their first effort. Ms. Kinard congratulated the city and explained the different ways in which a city can win, something they have been doing over 35 years and it was t what the community wanted. In fact, she was scared because she has an infinity for the Gables, but Miami Shores ran close, and it is a credit to them in making the strides and the City of Coral Gables a "must see". Vice Mayor Anderson thanked her for doing the contest and it was a pleasure to be there with her for the unveiling of the award and it speaks volumes to what the city staff does but also the businesses themselves like a fabric with them all working together, and it takes teamwork. It was a great event and thanked her for doing it because it helps propel them to keep going forward. Ms. Kinard thanked her for attending. They have the readers and the community's heart and that means more than editorial pics every day. Mayor Lago thanked her for the recognition as always, it is a pleasure. Commissioner Fernandez also thanked her.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. [24-7881](#)

Congratulations to the Procurement Department winner of the 2024 Achievement of Excellence Award by the National Procurement Institute.

Attachments: [NPI Award - Procurement Achievement of Excellence](#)

Congratulations to the Procurement Department winner of the 2024 Achievement of Excellence Award by the National Procurement Institute. Mayor Lago introduced this item and Director Diana Gomez-Finance Department made the presentation. She began by outlining the criteria for receiving this prestigious award, and it is the third year that the city has received this premiere award in the procurement profession under the leadership of Chief Procurement Officer Celeste Walker-Harmon. She then congratulated Procurement Officer Harmon-Walker and her team. Mayor Lago congratulated her for the great work, to which the Chief Procurement Officer thanked him, and she in congratulated her team because it is a team effort, and she couldn't do it without them. It is a testament to hard work and what they do and are proud of that. She then introduced her Assistant Procurement Officer Tanya Donigan. Mayor Lago thanked them again for what they do because it is not an easy task having to always crossing their T's and dotting their I's and they appreciate all they do for the city because at the end of the day, it is procurement who protects the city's assets.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-4. [24-7948](#)

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to the Coral Gables Fire Department for their assistance in training a delegation of firefighters from Cartagena, Colombia, a Sister City of Coral Gables.

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to the Coral Gables Fire Department for their assistance in training a delegation of firefighters from Cartagena, Colombia, a Sister City of Coral Gables. Mayor Lago introduced this agenda item and Director Belkys Perez- Economic Development Department and Fire Chief de la Rosa made the presentation. Director Perez began her presentation stating that the City of Cartagena was the first Sister City and even with the change in leadership the relationship has remained strong and unlike the other cultural exchanges that they have had in the past, this last interaction will have a meaningful long-term impact with the residents and visitors of Cartagena. Last month a delegation of eight firefighters came to Coral Gables to train with the city's firefighters which involved a comprehensive training tailored to their needs. Special thanks to Fire Chief de la Rosa, Deputy Fire Chief Hernandez, Lieutenant Ishmael Roig, Lieutenant Louie Fajardo and Fire Fighter Jonathan Corro for spending one week training. Pictures were shown of the firefighters during their training, and she thanked the city's firefighters for their goodwill and effort put into getting this delegation the training they needed. Special thanks to put this together was given to Letecia Perez, Int'l Business Development Coordinator- Economic Development. Fire Chief de la Rosa thanked the Mayor and City Commission for allowing and entrusting them to participate in programs like this, Belkys and her staff. He reiterated that he always says that they are committed to community which is always the case, and they live by that motto whether it is in the confines of Coral Gables, throughout our state or definitely internationally, putting an emphasis on resources and training and the development of their people and it is always great to give back benefitting not only our community but Sister Cities. Those who participated are considered ambassadors and they deliver wherever they are placed and represent their fire department brand and that of the city in an exceptional manner. He then thanked everyone who participated in hosting and welcoming the firefighters from Cartagena. [Applause]. Mayor Lago thanked Fire Chief de la Rosa. Fire Lieutenant Roig thanked the Mayor and City Commission, his administration for allowing Captain Fajardo and himself to teach their Columbian fire fighter brothers and went into detail about their experience and look forward to future opportunities to learn and grow in their relationship. Mayor Lago thanked them all for spreading goodwill and sharing with fellow Cartagena firefighters in training the techniques they have learned over the years and what the city appreciates because many foreign countries do not have the resources that this city has, and they will be blessed from everything they taught them. Certificates were then handed out to the firefighters who participated in the training.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-5. [24-7956](#)

Congratulations to Detective Khaled Taha, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Detective of the Quarter,” for the second quarter of 2024.

Attachments: [Det of the 2nd Quarter - K. Taha Memo](#)
[Cover Memo - Detective of the 2nd Qrt - K. Taha](#)

Congratulations to Detective Khaled Taha, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Detective of the Quarter,” for the second quarter of 2024. Mayor Lago introduced this item and Police Chief Hudak made the presentation. Detective Taha was recognized by her Sergeant Brad Banner Criminal Investigation Division because of his exemplary detective skills and hard work in clearing eight cases for this quarter and went on to describe in depth some of those cases in his partnership with other detectives and agencies. These cases include burglaries, cellphone theft, shoplifting, porch pirate thefts, and absconding of a television from a roommate. His worth ethic and dedication to this department makes him an asset to the property and crime unit and most deserving for the award. Detective Taha in addressing the City Commission, Police Chief Hudak and senior staff, thanked everyone on the awards committee and members of his unit. The award is a culmination of teamwork and thanked all who were involved in the arrests, his wife and family for their support.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

A.-6. [24-7875](#)

Congratulations to Officer Casey Rivera, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month,” for May 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Officer of the Month May 2024 - Casey Rivera](#)
[Officer of the Month - Casey Rivera - Memo](#)

Congratulations to Officer Casey Rivera, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month,” for May 2024. Police Chief introduced Officer Casey Riviera who was nominated by Officer Bianca Torres because of an incident which occurred on May 19, 2024, involving a group of individuals who attacked an individual and stole his bicycle. While she was not dispatched to the area, working as they do as a team, she identified the individuals and when they split-up, she caught one of them while the other individual who stole the bicycle got away but was soon caught by Bike Patrol Officer Deleon. Both individuals were turned over to the City of Miami where the charges were on them. It is because of her diligence in performing her job each day, she is being recognized and awarded the “Officer of the Month for May 2024. Officer Rivera stated thanked the Mayor and City Commission for recognizing hard work that doesn’t go unnoticed, Police Chief Hudak for allowing her to be part of the Coral Gables family, her Charlie Shift supervisors, her closest friend Officer Brittany Torres for the nomination and being the perfect backup, and lastly thanked God for allowing her to put on the uniform every day and keeping her safe and serving the City Beautiful is always an honor, she then thanked them and wished them a blessed day.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

A.-7. [24-7957](#)

Congratulations to Officer Lucas Rosson, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month,” for June 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Officer of the Month June 2024 - L. Rosson](#)
[Officer of the Month - Lucas Rosson REDACTED](#)

Congratulations to Officer Lucas Rosson, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month,” for June 2024. Police Chief Hudak made the presentation regarding Officer Rosson who works the midnight shift and on June 5, 2024, at around 3:22 a.m., units were dispatched to the 600 block of Cadagua to a construction site regarding a disturbance where people were heard laughing and making noise. Officer Rosson’s quickly acted in securing the area with the assistance of fellow officers, thereby culminating with an individual who had previously been taken into custody for shoplifting incidents along South Dixie Highway around South LeJeune Road and Ponce de Leon Boulevard. The individuals were later charged with trespassing on the site because they could not give any reason for being in that area. Because of his diligence and all he does on the midnight shift in keeping the residents safe at night, he is being recognized and awarded the “Officer of the Month for June 2024”. Officer Rosson thanked the Mayor, City Commission, Police Chief Hudak, all who played a part in him being nominated, his fellow officers who assisted him that night and with the investigation, and his family who could not be there to see him accept his award. Mayor Lago stated that the three individuals accepting their awards is not only the present, but the future of the department and the city is blessed to have an incredible team mentoring them. He also thanked them for the hard work they do for the city, a sentiment shared by the entire Commission for all they do and their diligence in keeping the residents and business community safe.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 7

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 8

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 10

D. CONSENT AGENDA**Passed the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-194**D.-1. [24-7961](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing encroachments into the public right-of-way consisting of the installation of five (5) black aluminum streetlight poles to serve as right-of-way lighting for the residential development at 701 Valencia Avenue, subject to requirements of the Public Works Department.

Attachments: [701 Valencia Light Poles Encroachments - COVER](#)
[701 Valencia Light Poles Encroachments - RESOL](#)
[Plans](#)
[Pole Details](#)
[R-2024-194-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF THE INSTALLATION OF FIVE (5) BLACK ALUMINUM STREETLIGHT POLES TO SERVE AS RIGHT-OF-WAY LIGHTING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 701 VALENCIA AVENUE; SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-194 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 11

1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**1.-1. [24-7931](#)** Code Enforcement Board Meeting of August 21, 2024.

Attachments: [CE Board Minutes - August 21, 2024](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 12

- 1.-2. [24-7985](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of July 26, 2024.

Attachments: [7-26-2024 SAB Meeting Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-31

- E.-1. [24-7778](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article 15, "Notices," Section 15-102, "Notice," to require notice to all properties along the Mahi Canal regardless of distance for any new Mixed-use and Multi-family developments on the Mahi Canal, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (08 14 24 PZB made no recommendation, Vote 3-3)

Attachments: [08 14 24 PZB Staff Report - Mahi Canal Notice w attachment](#)
[08 27 24 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[08 27 24 Exhibit B - 08 14 24 PZB Staff Report - Mahi Canal Notice w attachment](#)
[08 27 24 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 08 14 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[08 27 24 CC Cover Memo - Mahi Canal Notice - 1st Reading](#)
[09 10 24 CC Cover Memo - Mahi Canal Notice - 2nd Reading](#)
[09 10 24 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Mahi Canal Notice](#)
[O-2024-31-Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE ARTICLE 15, "NOTICES," SECTION 15-102, "NOTICE," TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTIES ALONG THE MAHI CANAL REGARDLESS OF DISTANCE FOR ANY NEW MIXED-USE AND MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE MAHI CANAL, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-31. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 14

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-34****E.-2. 24-7949**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commissions, Committees," Division 1 "Generally" by amending Section 2-52 "Qualification and Appointment of Members" in order to offer members of city boards reduced fitness membership fees at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Attachments: [Pass Policy for CGWMYC Membership \(09-03-2024\) EXHIBIT A](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy for CGWMYC Membership \(09-03-2024\)](#)
[Pass Policy for CGWMYC Benefit Cover Memo \(09-03-24\)](#)
[Pass Policy for CGWMYC Benefit Cover Memo - 2nd Reading \(09-30-24\)](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy for CGWMYC Membership \(10-08-2024\)](#)
[O-2024-34 - Signed](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 15

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-40**E.-3. 24-7950**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commissions, Committees," Division 1 "Generally" by amending Section 2-52 "Qualification and Appointment of Members" in order to expand the benefits offered to members of City boards; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\) EXHIBIT A](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\)](#)
[Pass Policy for Family Cover Memo \(09-03-24\)](#)
[Pass Policy for Family Cover Memo \(09-16-24\)](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\) EXHIBIT A](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\)](#)
[Pass Policy for Family Cover Memo \(10-22-24\)](#)
[O-2024-40 - Signed](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Ordinance was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 16

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-36**E.-4. [24-7951](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 74, entitled "Traffic and Vehicles," Article I "In General" by amending Section 74-1 "Definition"; and Article III "Stopping, Standing and Parking," Division 2 "Parking Meters and Parking Areas" by amending Section 74-84 "Signage and Other Requirements" in order to comply with recent changes to Florida law governing vehicles parking on private property, F.S. § 715.075; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Exhibit A to Ordinance Amending Sec 74-84 \(9-3-24\)](#)
[Ordinance Amending Parking Signage Requirements in Sec 74-84 \(9-3-24\)](#)
[Parking Ordinance Sec. 74 Cover Memo \(09-3-24\)](#)
[Parking Ordinance Sec. 74 Cover Memo - 2nd Reading \(09-30-24\)](#)
[Ordinance Amending Parking Signage Requirements in Sec 74-84 \(10-08-24\)](#)
[O-2024-36 - Signed](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 17

Time Certain 1:30pm (Agenda Item E-5)**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-35****E.-5. [24-7981](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission designating Patriot Day as an official City Day of Remembrance and amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-2, "Definitions and Rules of Construction" of the City Code to designate Patriot Day as an official City Holiday; providing for a severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Cover Memo- First Reading Ordinance Patriot Day \(Commissioner Menendez\)](#)
[First Reading Patriot Day \(Commissioner Menendez\)-9-4-24](#)
[Cover Memo- Second Reading Ordinance Patriot Day \(Commissioner Menendez\)](#)
[Second Reading Patriot Day \(Commissioner Menendez\)-9-30-24](#)
[O-2024-35 - Signed](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-201**E.-5.1. [24-8050](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables sending a copy of the Ordinance declaring Patriots Day a holiday to the United States Congress.

Attachments: [R-2024-201 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-201. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 26

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**F.-1. [24-7907](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission promoting fiscal resilience and directing the City Manager to include in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, certain revisions from the Budget Estimate, including allocating certain funding toward the assessment, drawings, and plans for structural repairs at City Hall.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [8-27-24 Cover Memo-Reso re revisions to budget](#)
[Resolution - revisions to budget estimate and funding City Hall repairs](#)
[Resolution - revisions to budget estimate and funding City Hall repairs](#)
[9-10-24 - Cover Memo-Reso re revisions to budget](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number . The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 3 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 25

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-202**F.-2. [24-7970](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the appointments of Commissioners and Staff to serve as members of the 2024-2025 Florida League of Cities Legislative Policy Committees and authorizing those Commissioners and Staff members to advocate for the City's legislative priorities.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Letter for FLC Legislative Policy Committees Resolution](#)
[FLC Legislative Policy Committees Resolution](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE 2024-2025 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEES AND AUTHORIZING THOSE COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF MEMBERS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-202. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 27

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-197**F.-3. [24-7983](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to explore additional notice options with the City's Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board when the City is acquiring and installing new works of art utilizing the City's art fund.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution additional public art notice \(Vice Mayor Anderson\)](#)
[Resolution Additional Public Art Notice 9-4-24](#)
[R-2024-197-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL NOTICE OPTIONS WITH THE CITY'S ARTS ADVISORY PANEL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD WHEN THE CITY IS ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING NEW WORKS OF ART UTILIZING THE CITY'S ART FUND.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-197. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-199**F.-4. [24-7984](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to work with bordering local governments to commit to provide notice of Live Local Act projects within 1000 feet of another local government's perimeter.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Letter for Live Local Act Project Notice Resolution](#)
[Live Local Act Project Notice Resolution](#)
[R-2024-199-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH BORDERING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMMIT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF LIVE LOCAL ACT PROJECTS WITHIN 1000 FEET OF ANOTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S PERIMETER.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-199. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 22

F.-5. [24-7910](#)

Discussion regarding City standards for residential light temperature.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 24

F.-6. [24-7934](#)

Discussion regarding City Hall recertification and repairs.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [1Letter to Bldg. Official Recert. City Hall 20230716_ds](#)
[City Hall Structural and Electrical Reports \(1\)](#)
[Letter to Bldg. Official Recert. City Hall 20240826_ds](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 28

F.-7. [24-7953](#)

Discussion regarding the Biltmore Way Streetscape.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
(Co-Sponsored Vice Mayor Anderson)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 29

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-203**F.-8. [24-7960](#)**

Discussion regarding bonds and other financing options for the City's restoration projects.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Attachments: [R-2024-203 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PREPARE AN OFFICIAL INTENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN COSTS INCURRED WITH RESTORATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND CITYWIDE STREET AND SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-8 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-203. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Commissioner Castro

Nays : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 30

F.-9. [24-7969](#)

Discussion regarding markers for centennial homes.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 31

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-196**F.-10. [24-7980](#)**

Discussion regarding the possibility of a centennial Venetian Pool Concert celebration.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [R-2024-196-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING OF A CENTENNIAL CONCERT CELEBRATION AT THE VENETIAN POOL IN 2025.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 19

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item F-11)**F.-11. [24-7982](#)**

Discussion regarding parking, deliveries and garbage around The Plaza.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-198

**Non [24-8049](#)
Agenda
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission declaring January 9, 2025, as "Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Day (Leaf Day)" in recognition of those who serve and protect our community.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [R-2024-198-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DECLARING JANUARY 9, 2025, AS "LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY (LEAF DAY)" IN RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.

A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-198. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 21

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 30

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-200**

H.-1. [24-7958](#) Update on the Alhambra Circle sidewalk.

Attachments: [H-1 - Update on Sidewalk Projects](#)
[R-2024-200 Signed](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-200. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 3 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-200

Attachments: [H-1 - Update on Sidewalk Projects](#)
[R-2024-200 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PRESENT AN ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG PORTIONS OF ALHAMBRA CIRCLE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-200. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 23

H.-2. [24-7959](#) Update on the audit and review of all Amazon purchases.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 31

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 32

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-195****J.-1. 24-7964**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the City Clerk's certification and declaration of the result of the City of Coral Gables Special Election, which was held on August 20, 2024, wherein voters decided against Little Gables annexation.

Attachments: [Results Official EL30A CG 08.27.24 - Primary Election 08.20.24](#)
[Results Official EL45 08.27.24 CB Signed - Primary Election 08.20.24](#)
[Results Official State Democrat 08.27.24 Signed - Primary Election 08.20.24](#)
[Results Official State Nonpartisan 08.27.24 Signed - Primary Election 08.20.24](#)
[Results Official State Republican 08.27.24 Signed - Primary Election 08.20.24](#)
[Certification Letter - Coral Gables Special 08.20.24](#)
[R-2024-Accepting the City Clerk's Declaration of Results - Annexation of Little Gables](#)
[Results Official State Referendums 08.27.24 Signed - Primary Election 08.20.24](#)
[R-2024-195-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION AND DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES SPECIAL ELECTION, WHICH WAS HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2024, WHEREIN VOTERS DECIDED AGAINST LITTLE GABLES ANNEXATION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-195. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 18

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 33

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 4:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2024, beginning 9 a.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk